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LIAGS: PFOR, CM, FR

SUBJECT: CAMEROON DECLINES TO PARTICIPATE IN FRANC ZONE CHIEFS  
OF STATE CONFERENCE

REF: NIAMEY 3337

1. GURC ANNOUNCED NOV 9 IT WOULD NOT BE REPRESENTED AT ANY  
LEVEL AT PROPOSED FRANC ZONE CHIEFS OF STATE CONFERENCE. IN  
RELATIONS TO THE STATIGEMS OF CONFERENCE, FONMIN ANNOUNCEMENT  
CITED AS BASIS FOR DECISION: (1) GURC HAD ONLY RECENTLY  
RESTRUCTURED MONETARY RELATIONS WITH FRANCE (BY NOV 1972  
BRAZZAVILLE AGREEMENT CREATING NEW BANK OF CENTRAL  
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AFRICAN STATES) AND (2) NEGOTIATIONS FOR REVISING COOPERATION

AGREEMENTS WERE ALREADY UNDERWAY. THIRD CONSIDERATION CITED WAS "BILINGUAL AND MULTI-CULTURAL" NATURE OF CAMEROON WHICH INTENDS REMAIN TRUE TO ITS "NATIONAL PERSONALITY" WHILE AT SAME TIME PRESERVING FRIENDLY AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONS WITH FRANCOPHONE COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY FRANCE.

2. COMMENT: THIS IS TYPICALLY CAMEROONIAN POSTURE: KEEP AWAY FROM NARROW IDENTIFICATION WITH FRANCE AND LATTER'S MORE CLOSELY AFFILIATED AFRICAN PARTNERS, WHILE MAINTAINING FULLY PRODUCTIVE FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND AVOIDING RANCOR WITH WHICH OTHER STATES PERIODICALLY DECRY FRENCH NEO-COLONIALIST INFLUENCE.

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